

Re: XP Security Issue

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"Leythos" <void@nowhere.com> wrote in message
news:MPG.18caff5f5820fe2b9899ce@news-server.columbus.rr.com...
> *In article <v6214t3q4srt30@corp.supernews.com>, <administrator@yellowhead.com> says...*
> > *I just received a new computer. I wanted Windows 2000 installed on it,*
but the
> > *company I purchased it form said that the package was only available*
with XP. I
> > *haven't decided yet if I will keep XP or install 2000. After much work,*
I
> > *finally got the user interface so that it is somewhat reasonable (that*
standard
> > *kiddyland interface is the pitts), but there seems to be a lot of*
deficiency in
> > *the network side of things.*
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> > *There does not appear to be any way of using passwords on Netbios*
connections,
> > *and the NTFS permissions are not accessible on the home version. Any*
shared
> > *directories seem to be completely open. To verify that, I went to a*
different
> > *network and attempted to connect to one of the shared directories that*
are set
> > *up by default (SharedDocs, which is C:\Documents and Settings\All*
> > *Users\Documents\). It seems that I can connect to it from anywhere, and*
what
> > *makes matters even worse is that I cannot change it except by editing*
the
> > *registry. Am I missing something, or is every XP system connected to the*
> > *Internet just as vulnerable?*
> >
> > *J.A. Coutts*
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- > *You can turn off FILE/PRINTER sharing, and unless you have a network you*
- > *don't really need it.*
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- > *If you are using a DSL/Cable connection get yourself a ROUTER with NAT*
- > *(linksys) and put yourself behind it.*
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- > *XP, even Home, has a firewall of sorts, it should have been enabled by*
- > *default – look up on the web how to enable it.*
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- > *You need to disable all the eye–candy, it eats memory, and you can set*
- > *it to look just like 2000.*
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- > *If you want a network OS, get XP Professional – I switched all my*
- > *workstations from 2000 to XP Prof and love it.*
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- > Leythos999@columbus.rr.com
- > *(Remove 999 to reply to me)*

Curious as to why you like XP more than 2000, if you turned off all the things that make the difference?

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